



*Town of Mansfield*

*Proclamation in Honor of Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, Inc.*

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2011, after years of planning and volunteer work, Joshua's Trust was granted national accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the accreditation signifies that Joshua's Trust meets national standards of excellence in upholding the public trust and ensuring that conservation efforts are permanent; and,

WHEREAS, Joshua's Trust is one of just four land trusts across the state, and 130 nationwide, to become accredited since the national accreditation program began five years ago; and,

WHEREAS, the Trust was founded by volunteers in 1966 as a joint venture of the Mansfield Historical Society and the Mansfield Conservation Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Trust, a non-profit organization, is designed to supplement the open space and historic conservation efforts of federal, state, and local governments and is the largest land trust, by acres preserved, in the northeast "Quiet Corner" of Connecticut; and,

WHEREAS, the Trust currently protects 4,177 acres in 13 northeastern Connecticut towns;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elizabeth C. Paterson, on behalf of the Mansfield Town Council and the community, do hereby express our appreciation and gratitude for the commitment of Joshua's Tract Conservation and Historic Trust, Inc. to land conservation and congratulate the Trust for the great achievement of earning national accreditation.

*Elizabeth C. Paterson*

Mayor, Town of Mansfield

April 25, 2011